GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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EMPLOYMENT ASSURANCE SCHEME
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government allots funds under the Employment Assurance Scheme to State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allotted to Kerala during each of the last three years;

(d) whether Kerala has not been getting its allotment for the current year 1999-2000 and, if so, the reasons for delay and whether the release of the allotment will be expedited; and

(e) whether the Government intends to discontinue the scheme and if so, reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) & (b) : Employment Assurance Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme. Funds for this scheme are shared in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. Prior to 1.4.99, EAS was a demand driven scheme with no fixed allocation for States.The EAS has been restructured w.e.f. 1.4.99 and has become an allocation based scheme. The central share is allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of proportion of the rural poor in a state to the total rural poor in the country

(c) : Funds allocated/released under EAS to Kerala during last three years were as follows:

YEAR	AMOUNT (ALLOCATED/RELEASED)
1997-98	Rs.3989.00 lakhs
1998-99	Rs.3661.00 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs.3589.13 lakhs

(d) : The Central allocation for Kerala during 1999-2000 wasfixed at Rs. 3589.13 lakhs and this amount was released in two installments as per provisions of the guidelines during the year.

(e) : No such proposal is under consideration.